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The Federal Bureau Of Investigation

I. **Early Bureau Response To The President's Assassination**

A. November 22-25, 1963

1. Early teletypes; instructions to field; Hoover, Sullivan, Belmont memos; 80 agents to Dallas

2. Jenkins memo of Nov 24: Hoover says Oswald alone did it, Bureau must "convince the public Oswald is the real assassin."

3. Hoover memo on Nov 26: "wrap up investigation; seems to me we have the basic facts now" 62-109060-1490

4. Hoover memo on Nov 29: "hope to have investigation wrapped up by next week"

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B. Lee Harvey Oswald

1. Establishing chain of evidence, bullet to gun, etc.

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3. Hosty note destruction: handling by Bureau on Nov 24 and effect in subsequent days

4. Interviews of Oswald associates, Marina wiretap
McMARINES, ETC

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C. Jack Ruby

1. Basic facts, early memos

2. Hoover suspicion of basement entry and assistance

3. extensive teletypes and reports on organized crime connections, also Hoover's own memos

4. contacts in 1959 as P.C.I - for use as informer on criminal element in Dallas

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2. Structure and Methods of the Bureau Investigation

A. Basic Organization and Jurisdiction

1. Legal basis of FBI involvement in probe, statutes,
2. Hoover and Belmont memos
3. Organization chart

B. General Investigative Division GID.

1. Rosen testimony on "ancillary nature" of probe; lack of meetings; assignment to bank robbery desk
2. Supervisors Senate testimony on physical evidence chain
3. Sullivan on lack of communication with Domestic Intelligence - the Division running the probe of LHO
   LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN DIV 5 & 6.
4. Rosen characterization of FBI "standing with pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in"
5. Supervisors testimony on LHO not being included in G.I.D. probe other than in relation to physical evidence
6. Rosen didn't know of "Gale Report" which found deficiencies in Bureau coverage of Oswald
   DID NO INITIAL IT.

C. Domestic Intelligence Division D.I.D. DIV. 5

1. LHO background established, prior coverage
2. Sullivan testimony on chaotic process, lack of input
3. Soviet experts handled Oswald investigation
4. Secret disciplining of DID officials who handled pre-assassination investigation of Oswald
5. Incident of Sullivan's people copying GID files
6. Hosty note destruction: Sullivan lack of knowledge
7. Assignment of Ruby probe to Civil Rights Division - outside of DID jurisdiction, thus not a part of general Oswald investigation.

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D. Investigation of Potential Cuban Aspects

1. Cancellation of orders to contact Cuban sources on Nov 23

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E. Investigation of Potential Organized Crime Aspects

1. Hoover memos and teletypes on Ruby connections

2. Ruby phone records

3. Justice Dept. interest in probing O.C. aspects

4. Chicago interviews with Ruby associates

5. Evans and Staffeld (and Denahy and Stanley) statements on not being consulted

6. Use of Ruby as informant on Dallas criminal element

7. LCN sources available at time

3. Bureau Relationship With Warren Commission

A. Formation of Warren Commission

1. Hoover opposition: memo and Jenkins memo

2. Katzenbach testimony and Sullivan statement

3. Early memos - adversary relationship

4. Hoover blocking Warren's choice for general counsel

5. Preparation of dossiers on staff and members.

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B. Assistance To Warren Commission

1. Basic scope of official relationship

2. Early friction over informant allegation (LHO)

3. Withholding of Hosty name from Oswald notebook

4. Hoover instructions to agents not to volunteer info. to WC

5. Destruction of Hosty note: implications

6. Withholding of secret "Gale Report" on Bureau mistakes in earlier Oswald probe; disciplining of officials

7. Hoover instructions ordering that no Bureau official attend earliest WC session, despite Katzenbach request

8. Delay in sending information to Commission regarding Bureau's past nine contacts with Ruby

9. Apparant withholding of "oswald imposter" memos of 1960-1961

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11. Handling of Ruby polygraph

C. Related Bureau Actions and Activities

Sept. 24 '64

1. Preparation of dossiers on WC staff after the Report was out

2. Hoover's leaking of early FBI report (Sullivan statement)

3. Hoover views on Communism and Oswald (Kronheim letter)

4. Sullivan's relationship with Angleton: pre-arranging of answers to Commission questions.

5. Secret plan to distribute Oswald-Marxist posters in Bureau plan to discredit Communist Party; prejudicial aspects

6. Hoover reaction to Warren Report

7. Subsequent preparation of sex dossiers on critics of probe

8. Questions regarding FBI's continual pledge that "case will remain open for all time;" actual designation of it as "closed" in internal Bureau files.

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